Government has also informed that no such classified lake which has dried up, is being sold as plots or roads constructed on them.

(b) During 2004-05, Udaipur Improvement Trust (UIT), as per the State Government has constructed 40 kms. roads in different parts of the city. None of the roads constructed by UIT, Udaipur are reported to have affected any of the existing lakes in the city.

(c) As per the Sate Government, a number of steps have been taken for revival of the lakes and waterbodies in Udaipur city which include (i) removal of encroachments and obstacles, which may obstruct flow of water into the lakes and waterbodies, (ii) implementation of a sewerage project to ensure that the sewerage from nearby areas don't enter the lakes and (iii) constitution of a Committee namely 'Jheel Conservation and Jheel Development Society' to ensure that all actions required to preserve, revive and beautify the lakes are taken in a planned manner.

**Assistance to Horticulture Training Centre, Pune**

†*98. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Holland, accorded the status of excellent training centre to the Horticulture Training Centre, Talegaorv Dabhade, district Pune, and provided Rs. 4 crore for setting up of the centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the estimated annual expenditure of this training centre would approximately be Rs. 9 crores;

(c) whether the training centre has demanded Rs. 1 crore for its annual expenditure from the National Horticulture Board; and

(d) if so, the decision being taken by the Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Government of Netherlands has given a citation stating Horticulture Training Centre (HTC), Pune being implemented with the support from Netherlands as the best collaboration project during the year 2004 in Pune, India and the Netherlands Financial Agency has given a grant of 8 million Euro (approximately Rs. 4.00 crore) for setting up the training

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi,

centre. The estimated average annual expenditure of this training centre is to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore. The National Horticulture Board has not received any proposal/request from the Government of Maharashtra for grant of assistance towards meeting annual expenditure of Rs. 1.00 crore, for HTC, Pune.

**Release mechanism for sugar**

*99. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS,.FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to do away with the release mechanism for sugar;

(b) whether Government have studied the repercussions of this porposal which would lead to a rise in hoarding activities and an unprecedented rise in the sugar prices; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed by Government to save the common people from this situation?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Government has not so far taken a decision to do away with the release mechanism for freesale sugar. Ail aspects including availability of sugar at reasonable prices to the consumers shall be considered while taking decision at appropriate time on release mechanism for freesale sugar.

**Procurement of foodgrains**

*100. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procurement of foodgrains had been affected due to private trade during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to import foodgrains to meet the demand during this year; and